

ATU Checklist

DO

DO keep detailed records and information on your ATU. This includes model name, capacity, date installed, contract service agreements, records of service visits and maintenance performed.

DO conserve water to avoid overloading the system. Repair leaky faucets and toilets. Use water saving features on appliances.

DO divert other sources of water, such as roof drains, house footing drains and sump pumps away from the ATU.

DO become familiar with how your system operates. Know the way it looks, smells and sounds when operating properly.

DON'T

DON'T allow anyone to park or drive over any part of your system.

DON'T make or allow unauthorized repairs or changes to your ATU without obtaining a health department permit.

DON'T use a garbage disposal without checking with the health department to make sure your ATU can accommodate this additional waste.

DON'T attempt to clean or perform maintenance on any sealed ATU components.

DON'T flush or pour any chemicals into your system. Harsh chemicals can disrupt your system.

ATU MAINTENANCE CHART

Notes					
Cost					
Service Performed By					
Service Performed					
Date					

Additional Information

Louisiana's On-site Wastewater Web site:

Office of Public Health
www.oph.dhh.state.la.us

Listing of Parish Health Units:

Parish Health Units
www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/ophregions/index.html

Louisiana's Regulations for Sewage:

Title 51 of the *Louisiana Sanitary Code*
www.state.la.us/osr/lac/51v01/51v01.pdf

General Web sites for On-site Wastewater Treatment Information:

Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/owm/onsite
National Small Flows Clearinghouse
www.nesc.wvu.edu

National Standards for ATU Performance:

National Sanitation Foundation
www.nsf.org

References

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